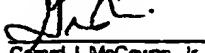


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(for Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C § 132, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995)

Attorney Docket No.: F7483(V)
Applicant: Blank et al.
Serial No.: 09/889,977
Filed: January 4, 2002
For: Quick Cooking Rice and Process to Make
UNUS No.: 99-0332-UNI

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114****a. Previously submitted**

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 20, 2005.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavits(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - a. PTO-1449
 - b. Copies of IDS citations
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